

Greetings,

Information on the VITA Grant is available. The links to the Grant Packages are below. Please share with your affiliates!

How to Find Answers to TCE and VITA Grant Application Questions

Questions about the TCE and VITA Grant should be directed to the GPO.

- Phone: 404-338-7894 – Available Monday through Friday (except federal holidays) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Email: TCE.Grant.Office@irs.gov (TCE) or Grant.Program.Office@irs.gov (VITA) – Available 24/7; Generally responses will only be provided Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- Web available 24/7: At the IRS.gov home page, typing either *community network* or *vita grant* will take you to the grants page in two clicks. Look for application aids and Frequently Asked Questions.

Program Changes reflected in the Application

Throughout the year the GPO identifies changes to the grant programs to improve the application process and/or delivery of services. The Office of Management and Budget also provides guidance covering grants that must be implemented. The following is a summary of the major changes to the programs.

- Multi-year grant opportunity offered for first time ever. Recipients of multi-year grants will be removed from the competitive grant process in subsequent year and will file an abridged application in years 2 and 3. Refer to application packages for eligibility criteria.
- Sub-award reporting instituted for recipients of \$25,000 or more to report on the sub-grants for all first-tier awards
- Use of Grants.gov encouraged for application submission
- VITA Grant funds increased from \$8 to \$12 million
- Allowing VITA Grant funds to be used for food for volunteers during tax preparation activities

TCE and VITA Grant Timeline	
Application Period	June 1 – July 9, 2010
Application Deadline	July 9, 2010
Review and Ranking	July 9 – October 30, 2010
Notification of Selection	November 1, 2010
Program Period	October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011 (TCE) July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 (VITA)

Application Process

The grant opportunities will be announced via Grants.gov on June 1, 2010. Application materials will be available on Grants.gov and on IRS.gov. Partners can obtain the publications from either of these websites. ***Applicants interested in applying for both programs should closely review the application instruction for each program and not assume they are the same.*** Completed applications are due by **July 9, 2010**, and may be submitted via Grants.gov, mail or courier.

In addition, the following links are to the 2011 VITA Grant and TCE Application packages.

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4671.pdf> VITA Grant Application Package

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1101.pdf> TCE Application Package